## WASHINGTON

The Inauguration Ball Project Defeated in the Senate.

The Proposed Protectorate Over the Antilles Rejected by the House.

INTERESTING DEBATE UPON IT.

The Effect of the Amnesty Proclamation.

te Against Jeff Davis d John C. Breckinridge.

neys and marshals are hereby required to report to the Attorney General an account of their official pro-ceedings and the state and condition of their respec-tive offices in such time and manner as the Attorney General may direct." He therefore felt it to be his duty to obey these instructions, and he would, in view of them, enter a noile prosequi in the case of the indiciment against Jefferson Davis for treason, found by the Grand Jury May 20, 1865, and also the indictment against John C. Prockingidge, for

view of them, enter a nolle prosequi in the case of the indiciment against Jefferson Davis for treason, found by the Grand Jury May 26, 1865, and also the indictment against John C. Breckinridge for treason, found on the same date. The indictment against J. H. Surratt, found June 18, 1865, charging him with engaging in the rebeilfon, was somewhat different from the others, and he had concluded to make the same disposition, but under the circumstances he thought that his duty would be to report it to the Attorney Genera!

Judge Fisher remarked that it was clearly the duty of the District Attorney to enter a nolle prosequi in the first two cases, but under the circumstances he could refer the third case mentioned.

The St. Dominge Protectorate.

The chief subject of interest in the House to-day was the debate on Butier's substitute for Banks' resolution extending the protection of the United States over the West India islands. After a three hours' discussion the whole proposition met with defeat, being laid on the table by a vote of 119 to 32. All the democrate voted against it except Hotchkies, of Connecticut, and Chanler, of New York. Had the matter been differently managed it might have met with better success. In the first piace, it was irregularly reported by Banks from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the members of the committee, it seems, not understanding each other clearly and not being ready to support it unanimously in the House. The majority of the members of the House were not prepared for such a measure, and the debate developed the fact that very few of them understood it, nor could Banks, with all his argument and cleverness, make it clear to them. Butler's substitute, taking in all the West India Islands, and spalding's amendment, including all the islands in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, were too sweeping, and really killed the measure. The democrata seemed to be under apprehension that the Massachusetts men w 'ted more negroes, and spoke and voted against. on this account. It is the opinio

General Grant has issued a long order announcing, with regret, the death of Major General Lovell H. Ronsseau, and reciting at length the valuable services rendered to the country by the deceased during the war with Mexico and during the recent rehellion. The order closes by directing, as appropriate military honors to the memory of the deceased, that thirteen minute guns be ared, commencing at meritian, and the national flag he displayed at haif start from the same hour until sumer on the day after the feepartment of Louisiana. Officers of the army serving th the same department will wear the presented baden for the Parden of Dr. Mends.

A delegation, composed of twelve citizens of Prince George courty, Maryland, called on President Johnson this horning and presented a petition from the dimensional dead, it was about six o'clock in the seeming, when the secence were found dead it was about six o'clock in the sevening, when the secence were found dead it was about six o'clock in the sevening, when the secence were found dead it was about six o'clock in the sevening, when the secence were found dead it was about six o'clock in the sevening, when the secence were found six o'clock in the sevening, when the secence were found six o'clock in the sevening, when the secence were found six o'clock in the sevening.

nounced in favor of Zeller's purchases, were more competent to judge than are a committee of Congressmen. They appear before the committee again next Tuesday.

California and Oregon Boundary.

The following letter has been received by the Commissioner of the General Land Office:—

CALIFORNIA AND ORIGON BOUNDARY SURVEY, CAMP ON APPLECATE OREEK.

ORIGION, Dec. 20, 1868.

To Hon. JOSEPH S. WILSON, Commissioner of the General Land Office:—

Str.—I have the honor to inform you that I have surveyed and marked the boundary between Oreron and California to the 155th mile, near Elliot creek. In this vicinity. The weather for the past month has been very unfavorable for field work. My parly has been very unfavorable for field work. My parly has been very unfavorable for field work. My parly has been very unfavorable for field work. My parly has been very unfavorable for field work. My parly has been very unfavorable for field work. My parly has been very unfavorable for field work. My parly has been very unfavorable for field work. The storm of last week has compelled me to desist from my labors, and further progress with the work this season is beyond human power. I shall forward in a few days a more detailed and satisfactory account of the work. Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

About three o'clock this afternoon, while Mr. Howard was making a legal argument on the Sue Murphy claim, an old man in one of the galieries, who had been an attentive listener to the debate for several days, was observed to sink into his seat as if fainting. Assistance being procured he was carried out to the telegraph room, adjoining the reporters' galiery, where he expired a few minutes afterwards. A ticket for a book from the Congressional library was found in his pocket which gave his name and residence as R. E. Dorsey, Dumington row, Capitol Hill. From a member of his family who was sent for it was ascertained that his age was seventy-eight years and that the cause of his death was probably paralysis, as he had previously suffere

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